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(NTM) REPORTED BY INDUSTRY ADVISORS

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1. EMBASSY IS NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS OR OTHER CONTROLS WHICH "VIRTUALLY BAN THE IMPORTATION OF AMERICAN JEWELRY." SUCH LOCAL IMPORTERS AS BANGKOK'S CENTRAL DEPARTMENT STORE REPORT THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY DO IMPORT LESS JEWELRY FROM THE UNITED STATES THAN FROM SEVERAL EUROPEAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES, THIS IS BECAUSE OF PRICE FACTORS, AND NO SPECIAL PERMIT OR LICENSE FOR IMPORTED JEWELRY IS CURRENTLY REQUIRED.

2. BY VIRTURE OF RTG'S "ACTO ON THE CONTROL OF EXPORT AND IMPORT OF CERTAIN KINDS OF MERCHANDISE", ENACTED ON OCTOBER 20, 1939, ROYAL DECREES CAN BE AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED WHICH CONTROL THE IMPORT OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MERCHANDISE THROUGH REQUIRING PERMITS TO BE ISSUED BY WHAT IS NOW THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. THUS, ROYAL DECREE  
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NO.9, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1953, LISED A WIDE VARIETY OF MERCHANDISE,

INCLUDING "SILVER, PLATINUM, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES, AND MANUFACTURED ORNAMENTS" WHICH REQUIRED PERMITS. THAT, HOWEVER, WAS REPEALED BY ROYAL DECREE NO 28, DATED MARCH 28, 1962. DECREE NO 28 ALSO SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED GOLD JEWELRY FROM LIST OF MERCHANDISE REQUIRING IMPORT PERMIT. IN ANY EVENT, MERCHANDISE REQUIRING PERMITS ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE DISCRIMINATORY WITH RESPECT TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

3. CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES ON IMPORTED JEWELRY ARE RATHER HIGH (50 PERCENT AD VALOREM CUSTOMS DUTY, PLUS 10.5 PERCENT STANDARD PROFIT TAX PLUS 3 PERCENT BUSINESS TAX) WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTES TO SMALL VOLUME OF IMPORTED JEWELRY. FOLLOWING ARE IMPORT STATISTICS IN U.S. DOLLARS FOR PERIOD JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1975, FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF JEWELRY, SHOWING TOTAL IMPORTS AND IMPORTS FROM U.S.:

| BTN NO. | DESCRIPTION | TOTAL IMPORTS | U.S. IMPORTS |
|---------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
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|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| 701901 | GLASS BEADS, IMITATION PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES | 176,082 | 20,528 |
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|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 211201 | ARTICLES OF JEWELRY OF GOLD OR ROLLED GOLD | 7,534 | 1,369 |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|

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| 211202 | ARTICLES OF JEWELRY SILVER OR ROLLED GOLD | 3,654 | -- |
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| 211203 | ARTICLES OF JEWELRY OF SILVER NIELLOWARE | 1,137 | 100 |
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| 711204 | ARTICLES OF JEWELRY OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS | 3,769 | 1,366 |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|

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| 711600 | IMITATION JEWELRY WHITEHOUSE | 264,362 | 12,879 |
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